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HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday April 18, 2023 2:00 p.m.

**101 Grove Street, Room 300
San Francisco, CA 94102 & via Webex**

1) CALL TO ORDER

Present: Commissioner Suzanne Giraud, Ph.D , Chair
Commissioner Cecilia Chung, Member
Commissioner Susan Belinda Christian, J.D.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2023 MEETING

Action Taken: The Committee unanimously approved the February 21, 2023 meeting minutes.

3) DRAFT FY21-22 DPH ANNUAL REPORT.

Michele Ko, DPH Office of Policy and Planning, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Giraud commended the team for adding the data at the end of the report. She requested that information for highlighted programs include the number of clients served.

Commissioner Christian stated that she agreed with Commissioner's Giraud's request, noting that the data on clients served will help the community understand the impact of these programs.

4) SAN FRANCISCO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FRAMEWORK

Karen Pierce, Population Health Division Environmental Justice Program, Lisa Chen, Planning Department, and Danielle Ngo, Planning Department, presented the item.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chung thanked Ms. Pierce for the presentation and noted that when she and Commissioner Christian were members of the Human Rights Commission, one of the most vocal voices was Dr. Jackson. She would appreciate that the City is moving to address environmental justice concerns. She noted that Dr. Jackson's key issue was the contamination of the Shipyard and asked for an update on that situation. Ms. Pierce stated that the shipyard is a huge part of the environmental justice concerns. The Navy is currently responsible for doing another characterization of the situation. The recent grand jury report stated that sea level rise will likely flood the area that still has radioactive contamination. She noted that there are also many other important environmental issues. Flooding is a big issue in the Bayview right now. The Population Health Division is looking at this issue through a climate change lens.

Commissioner Christian suggested that the report include a footnote explaining that the Navy is responsible for addressing the environmental issues at the shipyard.

Commissioner Christian noted that slide 18 states that the lack of a safe and healthy environment has enormous impact on mental and physical health. She asked if the environmental justice work can address this connection. Ms. Chen stated that this topic came up a lot during the community work. She suggested that empowering neighborhood discussions to address the connection between stress and illness.

Commissioner Giraudo noted that there is only one reference under safe affordable homes that highlights the DPH; she encouraged the team to include DPH in references for healthy food and other relevant areas. Ms. Pierce stated that this is a framework for the whole city; the specifics about what each Department will do are not yet included. She noted that the process enabled those most impacted to be lead perspective in the plan.

Commissioner Giraudo stated that she is interested in measurable strategies to ensure buy-in from all city departments and communities. She is also interested in a timeline for implementation and data that will be available for monitoring. Ms. Chen stated that the plan was consciously designed to have broad topics that are inclusive. Housing is the only element required by law to be updated every 8 years. There are no guidelines for updating other elements of the plan.

Commissioner Chung stated that the Commission hopes to be cheerleaders for the plan, ensuring that implementation will impact as many people as possible.

5) EMERGING ISSUES

This item was not discussed.

6) PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:23pm.